

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

VS.

CRIMINAL NO. 4:02CR27-WHB-JCS

STEVE PRATT

OPINION AND ORDER

This cause is before the Court on Defendant Pratt's Motion to Proceed on Appeal *In Forma Pauperis* and for Copies of Court Records at Government Expense (docket entry no. 130). Defendant has produced the proper documentation to prove that he is entitled to proceed with his appeal *in forma pauperis*. The Motion to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* is therefore GRANTED. Defendant has not shown why court documents are necessary for proper disposition of his appeal, as required before the Court can provide the documents at government expense. See Norton v. E. U. Dimazana, M.D., 122 F.3d 286, 293 (5th Cir. 1997). Therefore, the Motion for Copies of Court Records at Government Expense is hereby DENIED.

SO ORDERED this the 17th day of January, 2006.

s/ William H. Barbour, Jr.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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